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1. [] In connection with a request from Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, for a copy of the paper which had been prepared on the cost of terminating the Radios, [] Staff, advised the matter had been taken up with the Executive Director-Comptroller who felt that if this paper was to be passed to Marcy it should be given to him by either State Department or OMB. [] has been in touch with State Department and State is currently looking into the situation.

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2. [] Called Mr. Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, Department of State, and reviewed with him the facts pertaining to our talks with Representative John Murphy (D., N.Y.) in connection with his proposed trip to the Panama Canal Zone. I made it clear to Symmes that in our dealings with Murphy and General James Lawrence, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), we had studiously avoided the diplomatic and political aspects as to whether Murphy should or should not go on the trip and we had also avoided becoming involved in whether he should be provided transportation by the Air Force. I asked Symmes if he would be sure that Assistant Secretary David Abshire was made aware of this and he said he would.

Mr. Symmes mentioned that State had been caught off guard by the decision of the Senate leadership to call up the Case bill, S. 596, on international agreements. He said the Department had a speech ready for use on the Senate floor on this and while they didn't expect to head off any action on the bill they had planned to get such a statement on the record in the hope that it would be helpful in defeating the bill in the House. At this juncture Symmes is fearful that if the bill is brought up on the House floor that it will pass there also. He said his only hope was that it could be slowed down and otherwise lost in committee.

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